

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 2, as follows:

Cross Reference To Related Applications

This application is the §371 national phase of PCT/AU2003/001605, filed on December 2, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/430,306, filed on December 2, 2002.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 13, as follows:

It should thus be understood that the terms conotoxin peptide or conotoxins are not limited to naturally occurring toxic peptides obtained from the genus *Conus* but rather simply indicates an initial source from which the peptides have been derived. Conotoxin peptides [[are]] may be synthetically created, non-naturally occurring non-toxic peptide derivatives. Conopeptides is an alternative term interchangeable with conotoxin peptides.